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Honorable William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

As you are aware, both the intelligence community and the oversight committees are faced with a new situation concerning the budget request for FY 1987 due to the enactment of Gramm-Rudman.

In addition to the substantive impact of Gramm-Rudman on the budget, we face new procedures which will telescope the period of time the Committee will have to consider the FY 1987 budget request.

For example, the House Appropriations Committee must report all of the annual appropriations bills by June 10, 1986. That means that this Committee will have to have reported its bill well before that date in order for the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee to have the Authorization Bill in hand before it marks up the full Defense Appropriations Bill.

In order to meet the new deadlines and in order to give the intelligence budget request the complete and careful consideration it deserves, this Committee will need your budget justification information within two days of the President's submission of the budget, but in any event no later than close of business Friday, February 7, 1986.

I am sure that working together we can meet the new requirements.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Lee H. Hamilton  
Chairman